

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the present application. The Final Office Action has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination herewith. By this Amendment, claims 1-26 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein, and new claims 27-34 have been added. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments.

If these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for the necessary extension of time. The Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner of Patents to charge any fees necessary to complete this filing, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, or credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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